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Tavern inferno



ON FIRE: Amazed football fans at the Sixfields Stadium watched an FA Cup tie while the Sixfields Tavern burned down on the hill

Pic by Paul Howard

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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The Fire investigation into the blaze at the Sixfields Tavern on Saturday has ruled out arson and concluded a faulty electrical socket was to blame.

The electrical socket which is being further investigated. At the height of the blaze, 60 firefighters from Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire battled to get the fire under control.

The wind was a key factor in helping the fire spread.

■ Teen starts fund to help pub family who lost their home and belongings. Page 11



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Where is your favourite spot in the world?

Margaret River, Western Australia – a beautiful spot with surf, sand sea and sun

What was the last thing you broke?

Other than the general glass or plate I broke my wrist doing the long jump when I was 11 years old

If Stuart Wesselby was a drink what drink would it be?

A 25 yr old Malt Whisky. Smooth strong and full of character.

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

A had a teddy named Bosun.

What is the one thing you have lost or broke but want to get back?

My youth.

What is your favourite sandwich?

Cheese and tomato - a classic

Who is the most famous person you have met face to face?

HRH Prince Phillip when I was doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

What was the best thing/item you have ever found?

My wife.

Editor's Letter



When is the price of a free market too much to pay?

A £77 million cut from the county council budget is a watershed moment. It's more like the swipe of a bear's claw than the work of a precision instrument.

Let's pause to recollect the narrative that has brought us to this point.

There was a crisis in the banks, there was a crisis in the money markets, Labour somehow got the blame, there was a coalition Government and the nation was informed it had voted for austerity.

The nation was in debt, debt is bad and so the state had to be smaller and more efficient – like the latest model of a clever German car.

Labour might have got the blame for the economic storm but the Lib-Dems got punished and suffered a catastrophic General Election. Scottish voters saw independence as a sly English trick to avoid having to listen to their many grievances and so stayed in the union so they could fill up parliament with SNP members.

Cuts are rebranded as savings and needs are rebranded as costs

The Tories ended up in charge against expectations and with this ringing (okay tinkling) endorsement of their state-shrinking plans, they set about fixing the economy by rooting out malingers and illegal immigrants.

Cuts were rebranded as savings. Needs were rebranded as costs. The austerity rippled out through society in waves.

Now, in one of the world's top economies, the big plan has led us to the point where we are having to decide whether we have extravagant levels of fire safety or care homes in Northamptonshire.

Large tranches of county council work is going to be done by arms length corporate style organisations. Who knows what will happen to oversight and accountability?

Who knew that when banks started trading dodgy mortgages all those years ago it would end up with care homes closing in Northamptonshire?

We talk about paying a high price for free speech these days but what about the price we pay for a free market...

Steve Scoles



NEWS IN BRIEF

Run Santa run



The UK's largest inflatable Santa will be helping to promote Northampton's first charity Santa Run on Sunday at Beckett's Park.

Registration opens at 9.15am for the 3km event. For more details go to www.northamptonantarun.com

Knife threat

A taxi driver in Northampton was threatened with a knife by a passenger he picked up in the town.

The taxi was called to Warren Road in Spencer at about 1.30am on Saturday, November 28.

Traffic accident

A 19-year-old man from Daventry, was taken to University Hospital Coventry, where he is reported to be in a serious but stable condition.

He was involved in a serious collision on the A45, near Daventry on Sunday.

Glazing award

T&K Home Improvement's parent company, Emplas, has been named as the National Manufacturer of the Year for 2015. This is the most prestigious Award in the industry and is judged independently by the Glass and Glazing Federation.

So, how many green bottles?

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A Christmas tree made entirely out of Carlsberg bottles has been constructed in a nightclub in Northampton town centre.

Hundreds of lager bottles from the Northampton-based beer firm have been used to create the tree at NB's, in Bridge Street.

The tree was put together by Chris Hind of CH Building Services.

He said: "Myself and Barry Shaw, made the Christmas tree, Matt Kitcher (the manager of NBs) had the idea and asked me to make the tree around 3 months ago. I was very interested in the idea and started the design process straight away. After a few days the main concept was beginning to take shape so it was just up to me to make it bigger well a lot bigger. The measures 3.7 metres high to



TREEMENDOUS: Chris Hind (inset)

the top of the star and the main base was 1.6 metres wide. There were well over 600 bottles used to construct this. The project took around 14 days from concept to completion. There will be a raffle to guess the amount of bottles used so I can't give too much away.

"My company is always looking to do something different and something that nobody else will do so this project was perfect. This has been a very different and interesting project and has come out very well and I'm very proud of everyone involved in it."

See more online.

Radio 1 raises volunteering options

Chris Stark who, co-hosts the afternoon show with DJ Scott Mills on Radio 1 visited the Corby campus of Tresham College of Further and Higher Education's.

He visited the college last Thursday, to raise awareness of the Radio 1 and 1xtra #1MillionHours volunteering campaign.

The yearlong volunteering campaign encourages listeners of the stations to pledge 1 million hours of time to good causes over the next 12 months.

During his visit Chris spoke to students across the college and took a tour of some of the classrooms to highlight the campaign. These interviews will feature on Radio 1 this month.



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Fairline Boats which has factory sites in Oundle and Corby is set to shed 381 jobs.

The company, which went into administration on December 2, will keep on 69 members of staff to deal with existing orders – the remainder will be made redundant.

Fairline Boats used to employ around 450 staff.

A racing first



Sporting history will be made at Towcester Racecourse today when horses and greyhounds race on the same day.

It is believed to be the first time that horse racing and greyhound racing has taken place on the same day at the same venue in the UK.

Food shopping with a twist

Lawrence John learns how you stop 30,000 tonnes of food going to waste

Standing outside a nondescript building on an industrial estate in Corby on a Friday morning gave me no inclination what I would find inside.

When I stepped inside what I saw was a secret world, a secret club, for those who had gained entry and all of a sudden I was standing in what had the feel and look of a mini supermarket or your average size cash 'n' carry.

This is the county branch of Company Shop, currently celebrating after winning the Queens Award for Enterprise, the UK's highest honour for business.

Company Shop is the UK's largest redistributor of surplus food, which stops over 30,000 tonnes of food from going to waste every year.

The organisation takes food from retailers, manufacturers and brands, that is perfectly good to eat, but for a number of reasons

wouldn't reach the supermarket shelves and sells this food to Company Shop's members at a fraction of the normal retail price.

The only members who can join are those who work in food manufacturing and the emergency services.

They have to go through an enrolment form to sign up but when they do it costs them nothing to join.

I met up with Company Shop Commercial Director Tom Rumboll, who gave me a guided tour of the shop and explained how they did what they did.

He said: "What we are doing is redistributing food. All this was due to go on a supermarket shelf but for one reason or another it did not. It is all perfectly good to eat. What we are doing is giving it a second chance and selling it at a discounted rate.



DISCOUNT FOOD: Company Shop Commercial Director Tom Rumboll at the premises in Corby

"We work with a number of large supermarkets including Asda, Waitrose, Mark & Spencer, Tesco etc, we are not in competition with them as we only sell to a limited audience. We only sell through our network of shops. If people buy items they can only buy six of the same thing at one time. "We are stopping food

going to waste and are redistributing and selling it to people whose wages do not go that far. This means they can spend £35/£40 with us and it could have cost £100 in a supermarket.

"What we are doing is helping the major supermarkets save on their disposal costs as they do not have to send this food to

landfill. This means we can offer our customers a 65 per cent discount."

The shop in Corby employs 45 staff and each week 2,500 members come through its doors.

The Company Shop business which has been going for 43 years has four stores – in Corby, Grimsby, Tankersley and Middleton.

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4

Towcester
Richmond Road
Second Friday of each month
9am-1pm



5

Higham Ferrers
Market Square
Last Saturday of each month
9am-1.30pm



Next stop: More seats and Wi-Fi

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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London Midland has promised more seats and free Wi-Fi for Northampton train passengers, after signing a new contract to provide rail services on the West Coast Main Line.

The contract, which extends the current agreement to October 2017, features £13 million of improvements, including more services, free Wi-Fi and better ticketing.

The move, which will see London Midland continue to run services between

London, the West Midlands and the North West of England, was made by the Department of Transport.

Among the promises made in are:

- Two extra evening services every weekday from London to the Trent Valley, providing an additional 2,300 seats from Euston each week;
- Free Wi-Fi on long-distance services between London Euston, Northampton, Birmingham, Crewe, Stoke and Liverpool, with the aim that this will be free on all services when the next fully-competed franchise starts;

- New and upgraded ticket machines at selected stations, with new 'click and collect' and contactless payment options;

- New targets to improve customer satisfaction and train punctuality.

Rail Minister Claire Perry said: "This contract builds on the significant improvements in the West Midlands and surrounding areas, and will not only ensure that customers continue to benefit from better journeys, but also support long-term economic growth in the region and beyond."

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Managing Director Trevor Skidmore feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 10 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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On the road with focus on the A14

Here are two pictures from the H&P's recent 60 minutes feature. So far we have done two 60 minute stints on the A14 and another 60 minutes on the A45. The aim - to take 10 pictures in 60 minutes and give you a snapshot of what we spotted in that time. Meet Sidina Weatherley, assistant manager at Little Chef Kettering West, left, and Ruby Abdel, who is a biker and a belly dancer.



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Biker injured

A motorcyclist suffered serious head injuries following a collision with a black Mitsubishi car on Oakley Road, Pipewell, at about 10.30pm on Monday.

The biker was a 21-year-old man from Corby.

Pool closed

Corby East Midlands International Pool will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period to allow contractors, Willmott Dixon, to carry out essential maintenance work and improvements.

Battle book

A new book about the 1460 Battle of Northampton will be launched at Northampton Museum & Art Gallery on Saturday.

The Battle of Northampton author, Mike Ingram, will be signing copies from 2-4pm.

MEP school visit

East Midlands Conservative MEP Emma McClarkin visited Sir Christopher Hatton Academy in Wellingborough on Tuesday.

The MEP helped the school obtain funding for their sixth form block.

Winning chance

Everyone is invited to visit Northampton's market this Christmas and be in with a chance to win some prizes.

Prize draws will be on Fridays - December 11 and 18, with the last one on Wednesday, December 23.

Pedal power

A shop which was set up to sell bicycles fixed-up by a group of young offenders sold out in minutes.

The shop in the Grosvenor Centre is part of Northamptonshire Police's Cycl-ops project.

Family pet theft

A dog is believed to have been stolen from the garden of a property in Fullingdale Road, Northampton on November 30.

The seven year-old black Lhasa Apso was in the garden between 6.15pm and 6.35pm.

No more pyros

After a number of incidents at games, Northamptonshire Police and Northampton Town FC are reminding all supporters about the dangers and penalties of smoke grenades, flares and fireworks - known as 'pyros'.



MAKING DOUGH: The Good Loaf is an artisan bakery in Northampton

Good Loaf hosts county foodie event

Bakers, brewers and a chocolate maker were among the county's thriving food and drink artisans to be given a business boost, thanks to the latest 'Made In Northamptonshire' (MIN) meeting.

MIN, the free networking group which was established in January 2011 by

Rachel Mallows of The Mallows Company to support Northamptonshire's food and drink sector, staged its second 'meet the buyers' event at The Good Loaf in Northampton and saw local buyers 'speed-date' their way through such tasty treats as cured meats, cheeses and even spice

blends. Among those invited to sample the delicious county wares on offer were representatives of local restaurants, farm shops, and pub chains, including Emma Eyton-Jones from The Richardsons Group which owns a number of food pubs and a restaurant in Northampton.

Council faces cuts of £77m

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Northamptonshire County Council is facing up to cutting £77m from its budget for 2016/17.

In order to achieve these savings, it will raise its share of the council tax in the county by 3.95 per cent, cutting £27m from its Adult Social Care Budget, axing £20.22m from children, families and education and a combined £4.28m from environment, development and transport and Public health and Wellbeing.

Proposals include a reduction in children's centre services, a reduc-

tion in funds for the fire service and highways maintenance, a cut in the subsidies given to bus services, the cessation of the Nourish school meals service and decommissioning two care homes run by Olympus Care Services.

The budget cuts are, in the words of the leader of Northamptonshire County Council, Cllr Jim Harker: "The most demanding and challenging budget we have ever had to face. The population in the county is growing by 1,000 people per month and we have seen an increase of 900 children wanting school places in the past two and

a half months. The trouble is in a budget of £417m we have only got £3m for growth but have to make £77m of savings. By raising the council tax by 3.95 per cent it will allow £5m extra to go into the budget and go into adult social care services. When we started these cuts in 2010 it was easy as there was some fat to cut, but now we are only scratching the surface."

He wants the county council to join with the other district and borough councils across Northamptonshire to get one body to collect and get rid of the county's waste and save £7m per year.

Trust set to run children's services

A new trust to deliver all children's services in the county as part of Northamptonshire County Council's transformation of public services is a key proposal published this week.

The creation of a trust for children's services is part of the county council's transition to a Next Generation Model, with stand-alone enterprises being established to deliver services previously delivered directly by the council itself.

The proposal is part of the county council's draft council plan, announced Tuesday, and through the creation of a more stable in-house workforce and therefore one less reliant on expensive agency staff it is believed



BIG DECISIONS: Cllr Jim Harker and committee members

the creation of the trust could save the council £9million in 2016/17.

The draft budget also proposes a £5million spending increase in the total children and families budget while continuing to focus on the most vulnerable in the county.

Establishing a trust will enable permanent staff to benefit from improved terms

and conditions and see a greater focus on reducing the current reliance on agency staff, which currently costs the council £22million in children's services.

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HELPING HAND: Brittany Coward (inset) and Sixfields Tavern, which burnt to the ground on

Town rallies to help pub family

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Northampton teenager Brittany Coward launched a just giving page on Sunday to raise money to help Matt Skolfield, the manager of the Sixfields Tavern which burnt down on Saturday.

By Wednesday lunchtime people had donated £2,787 to the Skolfield family.

Mr Skolfield, along with his wife and two children, lived above the pub but when it was destroyed they lost their home and all their belongings.

This was when Brittany, 16, who worked part-time at the pub, stepped forward to help and called on people across the county to do the same for this family in the lead up to Christmas.

Brittany, who is studying for her A levels at Campion School and Language College in Bugbrooke said: "Both Matt and his wife have two young children and as a result of the fire they have nowhere to stay. They lost all their

possessions in the fire and I thought how could I help? I set up the Just Giving page on Sunday. People have been so generous – not only giving money but donating clothing, blankets, books and toys for the children. I never thought I would raise this much in 30 days let alone about 24 hours.

"All of us who worked in the pub were a closely knit team, you could call it like a family and we all wanted to help Matt and his family."

On the Just Giving page under the reason this fundraising is taking place is written: "We would like to help Matt and his family by providing essentials for them and their two young children who lost all of these possessions in the fire at the Sixfields Hungry horse."

Losing all of your clothing, children's toys and memories (photos) is not only expensive but heart breaking. We would like to help them get back on their feet, starting small and eventually seeing a smile back on that beautiful family's faces."

The Just Giving page is at: <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/brittany-coward>

See video online
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Stormin' Norman's BEM

Norman Brown of the Fullingdale Road, Northampton, was presented with the British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mr David Laing.

He was awarded the

medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to 23 Pioneer Regiment Royal Logistic Corps.

The Pioneer regiment finally disbanded on September 26, 2014.

Doorstep fraud warning

Police are warning people never to give their personal details to people who knock at their front door.

This comes after officers were contacted by a number of Corby residents who had people

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My son

Councillor Julie Davenport (Labour Councillor for Delapre & Briar Hill) said: "I could not do without my son (of course!) and my next door neighbour's children, Alfie and Joe (four and six). They brighten up every day, make me laugh. There is nothing better after a long day than having them run up to me shouting 'Julie!!!!' and throwing themselves in my arms. My son doesn't do that any more - he's 30 and lives in St Neots, but he calls most days."


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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK

Siri the voice from hell

Lawrence John

Reporter Lawrence John writes a regular weekly blog for the Northants Herald & Post. Here is his latest about an experience with a frozen iPad and the voice of Siri, which for him was a repetition from hell



Technology is the great boon of our lives and the bane of it.

When it works well it makes life seem a little better and we have fun. All we want it to do is work, to do the tasks it is programmed to do and to do them as quickly as possible. The problems all kick off when it does not do any of those things.

Last week the screen froze, whatever I did it would not make it move. Don't forget there is no instruction book with an iPad, you have to go online to look at it. This then becomes a conundrum or a definite Catch 22 when you cannot get online to look at it.

When I went back Siri had turned itself on and was bleating out all the actions I was trying to do when I touched the screen. I could not get into the iPad to turn the voice off, I could not silence this repetition from hell.

Normally opening up the iPad and putting in the code takes less than three minutes. As mine had Siri on and I had to swipe what I wanted to do then swipe it again and then putting the code in became something akin to Mission Impossible. Tap, tap, tap until it did what I had hoped for would happen. So a less than three minute job took me over

30 minutes. The relief when I got in made me feel like I had cracked open a safe, and when I turn Siri off I had just won the World Cup. Afterwards I thought of two things; one was the adverts for smart phones and computers showing you how things could be done so fast on your device but came with the warning 'sequences have been shortened and speeded up' - in other words Bob this ain't gonna be what you are going deal with.

And the other was documentaries about the Wild West I had watched on PBS America about Jesse James, Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley. What they all did was create a myth and then live up to the legend they created. They were their own living legends. The trouble is technology gets glitches in it and assumes by some magic osmosis we all know what to do... the trouble is we don't.

At least with Jesse James, Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley you were getting the hard sell but you got the legend and those legends never let you down.

Technology assumes by some magic osmosis we all know what to do... we don't

Your Views



Fashion must not exclude the disabled

TED HILL, CEO BRITISH POLIO FELLOWSHIP:

In light of Kylie Jenner's recent photoshoot in which she poses whilst sitting in a wheelchair, on behalf of The British Polio Fellowship I'd like to appeal to designers, photographers and decision makers within the industry to recognise the serious side to accessibility issues in fashion.

The fashion industry has an unfavourable track record for discriminating against disabled models, and the visibility of disabled people throughout the industry has been little to none; using an 'able bodied' model to pose in a wheelchair is adding insult to injury. Earlier this year we spoke out about London Fashion Week not hiring any disabled models, and British Polio Fellowship Ambassador Ann Wafula-Strike MBE has spearheaded campaigns for greater inclusion and visibility of disabled people and wheelchair



users in the fashion industry.

Our most recent fashion campaign featured a special collection by designer Aleah Leigh, and included a mix of pieces suitable for people of varying mobility. It was part of our greater aim to tackle the stigmas of disability, demonstrating that being in a wheelchair doesn't mean there isn't a place for you in glamorous industries such as fashion.

If being in a wheelchair is glamorous enough for Kylie Jenner, then let's take the opportunity to start including genuine wheelchair users in high fashion campaigns and magazine shoots such as this one. If you are interested in getting involved or need our support please call us on 0800 043 1935, email at info@britishpolio.org.uk or visit the website at www.britishpolio.org.uk

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Birthday bash for Alice, 100

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A Northants care home welcomed more than 50 people to its party to celebrate the 100th birthday of a resident who has 'become a member of the family'.

Alice Marden, who was born in Australia, turned 100 on Wednesday and was thrown a surprise birthday bash at Elm Bank care home in Kettering.

More than 50 friends, family, residents and staff came along to celebrate Alice's big occasion, with the 100-year-old receiving a card from the Queen and a chocolate hamper.

Trisha Kelly, the home manager, presented Alice with a bouquet of flowers before everyone gathered together to sing happy birthday.



ALL SMILES: Alice Marden

ryone gathered together to sing happy birthday.

"Alice thoroughly enjoyed celebrating her 100th birthday and the look on her face when she received the chocolate hamper was an absolute picture."

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FESTIVE FEELING: Earls Barton Christmas tree festival featured 54 showpieces

Christmas tree festival lights up village

Last weekend Earls Barton was a glowing example as the village held its Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Parish Church.

One of the members of the festivals organising committee, Julia Cross said: "We do not do this every year. We have had all the children from Earls Barton Primary School come and have a look.

"We are very lucky in the village to have such

good community spirit.

"We have got 54 Christmas trees for people to look at, and each one of different.

"Everyone who has done a tree has been very creative and has helped to create a fantastic show."

The festival attracted plenty of visitors on both days.

County answers SOS in Cumbria

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A specialist boat rescue team from Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has been supporting the flood rescue efforts in Cumbria.

They have been in the flood stricken area of Northern England as part of the fire and rescue service's national resilience arrangements.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service received the request to support the major incident in the early hours of Sunday, December 6.

Water Rescue Technicians from Mereway and Wellingborough fire stations were immediately deployed to Cumbria.

Among the equipment they took with them for the emergency was a specialist water rescue boat unit and boat.

Group Commander Phil Pells said: "The boat team was initially deployed to a strategic holding area in Penrith before being tasked and mobilised to Carlisle supporting other

teams with the evacuation operation.

"During their deployment, NFRS crews led more than 75 residents in the flooded area to safety.

"The team was released from the incident Monday lunchtime having spent more than 24 hours supporting the rescue operation."

"A Silver command was established locally at headquarters to control and co-ordinate our response and on-going support to Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, including the planning for further requests of support over the next few days."

National resilience arrangements provide specialist capabilities for water rescue, high volume pumps and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) incidents. Assets are coordinated nationally as part of the response to major incidents or when specialist resources are required.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service as a result of its training is able to offer high volume pumps, boat rescue teams and an incident response unit (CBRN) as part of these arrangements.

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Service to support victims of road traffic crimes

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire has launched Voice: RoadHarm, a new and extensive support service for victims of road-

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Video takes shot

BY NICHOLAS BIBER

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The owner of Northampton's biggest taxi firm has made a call to action on gun violence in America - to the tune of 'No More Guns for Christmas'.

Milton-Keynes man David Wright, the owner of Bounds Taxis, has produced a rap music video which urges people in America not to buy guns for Christmas.

The not-for-profit film, which was released on YouTube this week, was inspired by the events of August 26 when two American journalists were shot dead during a live TV report.

Although David will not be making any money from the video, which cost him £15,000 to put together, he says he will only get pleasure out of achieving his ultimate aim - to reduce the number of gun-related deaths in the US.

The video has a Christmas-theme, and depicts Santa Claus giving a boy and a girl guns as presents, which they then play around with - without realising the element of danger.

A boy is then seen playing hide-and-seek with his sister, while they are both



ULTIMATE AIM: David Wright is hoping his video will help to reduce gun crimes

using the guns, and when he spots her in her room - he shoots her dead. Realising what he has done, he drops to his knees in shock.

"Unfortunately, these events are happening every day," David said. "It might be bizarre to us in the UK - but it really is happening."

"What I am trying to do is show the fact that it is happening - to show that children are being bought guns

and are not being told it's a bad thing.

"I once saw a video of a grandfather giving his grandchildren armed shot guns - and I think that is just wrong."

"The children all think it is fun, they are not old enough to understand (the danger). A child will be brought a gun and will play with it and won't appreciate it is real."

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MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can lead to the inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica.

Sciatica can affect anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

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at US gun crimes



"You have to draw a line, and that line is drawn at buying guns for your children."

David, who has visited the states several times, says the reason he is taking action on an issue happening 4,000 miles away is because 'nobody else is'.

"I do this because I feel they (the Government) cannot see the woods for the trees," he said.



"Nobody seems to have the guts to do it themselves in America. Someone needs to give them a helping hand really."

The 48-year-old Bounds owner hopes to relaunch the video next year in America, when he will then enlist celebrities and co-operations to endorse it.

Although David says he would like to see gun crime stop all together, he said 'I have to be realistic'.

"I am a realist, so I am not going to aim for the impossible," he added. "My aim is to reduce the number of guns that are purchased at Christmas which would in

turn reduce the number of deaths."

"This is a long term project and it will be evaluated over the next five years or more - so I will be doing it again next year but in America."

David enlisted a music video production company, Light Engine Films, to create the video, which features a rapper who calls himself SITES.

If you would like to watch the video, the link is:

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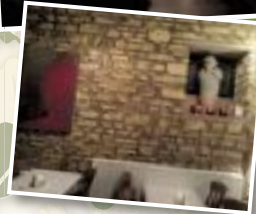
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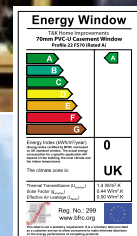
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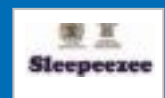
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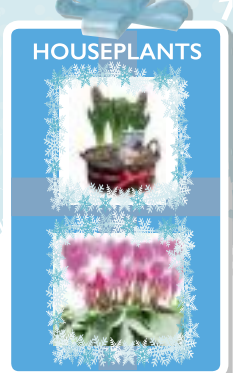
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Club all in a row to help the homeless

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Members of the university's rowing club will be holding a 24-hour rowing marathon on Thursday, to raise cash for Northampton Hope Centre, which provides support for

the homeless.

Town centre Christmas shoppers will be able to encourage the group of 30 students, who will be taking it in turns on rowing machines in the Grosvenor Centre from 10am. At 6pm the rowers will relocate to the University's Park Campus for the night shift.

Deco's panto is a family affair

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Pantomime is very much a family tradition and this is being upheld by one Northamptonshire actor.

One of the stars of The Deco Theatre's Beauty And The Beast panto is certainly embracing the idea of 'something for all the family'.

For Northampton actor Clive Fletcher will be appearing on stage this year with three of his grandchildren – Maddie Spedding, 15, her sister Ruby, 10, and their cousin, Tamsin Locke, six.

Clive is well known in Northampton for his regular appearances in Deco pantos, and also as half of the popular 1990s local double act Dave 'n' Clive.

He is delighted that his enthusiasm for performing on stage is now being shared so enthusiastically by the younger members of the family.



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Breathing easy with £2,000 award

Singing for Breathing, a group set up by Occupational Therapy students at the University of Northampton to help people diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, has been awarded nearly £2,000 to fund future sessions.

The group was started by students Angela Prouse and James Wyatt.

They are in the third year of the Occupational Therapy BSc degree programme – in which they have explored the benefits of singing as a natural exercise for using the lungs.

The Singing for Breathing group has

stemmed from the students' second year Level 5 skills assessment, and the group now meets every Wednesday at Parklands Community Centre.

The sessions aim to provide users with a supportive network, and their choir helps to provide a sense of wellbeing.

Last week the group was awarded a cheque for £1,000 from Persimmon Homes, which will go towards helping fund the choir.

The group was also successful in winning a £972 grant from the University's Chancellor's Fund.

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B) touch and go

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Metin Tekin and Sedat Gurbar, were thrilled to hear they had managed to defend their crown.

Sedat said: "We're delighted we've won it again, making it two years in a row."

"We're a family run business and we've only been here three years so we're happy to have won the award twice already."

"Hopefully we can make it three in a row next year!" In close second place

came Mr and Mrs Bahia of the Black Swan Chippy. While Mr Fish in Lyncham Road bagged third place.

In at fourth place was Peri Peri Express in Leagrave Road and completing our high five, was the team at The Wigmore in Wigmore Lane.

Congratulations to staff at all the chippies that received nominations and thank you to everyone who took part in the vote.

The competition was held in conjunction with National Chip Shop Week.

To see a full gallery of all our finalists serving up their dish of the day, head to luton-dunstable.co.uk

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How the Magic Bean created the Christmas Fairytale Market



I was asked by Steve Scoles, the *Herald and Post* editor to share with you my experience creating the Fairytale Christmas market and why I did it.

So why did I do it? I came up with the idea whilst working on my second book in my Flying Feather series, which is a steam-punk/Victorian fantasy, as I felt (and still feel) Northampton needs a little bit of magic and old fashioned fun!

Many towns are losing a sense of tradition. We are becoming a nation of 'let's do what's easy' and choosing quantity over quality.

Cheap mass production is becoming THE thing and we are forgetting about what is really important – people, community, tradition and old fashioned values. We sit around the dinner table on our mobile phones ignoring each other.

I wanted to see this change, so my colleagues and I began the challenging task of putting a fairytale market together. We begged corporate companies and local people to get involved, but many were too stretched to help. Determined to make it happen, The Magic Bean Emporium, under the wing of Northampton Borough Council's Frost Fair, pushed forward.

I quickly realised the magnitude of what we had taken on with the reindeers on the day costing near to a thousand pounds for a couple of hours and quotes for Santa coming in at £300. I feared the event would have to be cancelled. Although, I was lucky – my staff offered to volunteer for the day, as did all the wonderful actors and musicians. This meant I only had to worry about costumes and marketing. After many late nights (or should I say early mornings) the 6th of December finally arrived.

Was it successful? I think so! I enjoyed spending the day with neighbouring businesses and colleagues, who I can now call friends, who I could not have done it without, including the Polish restaurant Chata and The Rug and Furniture Company..

But, we also received half a dozen negative messages on Facebook. So, like riding a bike for the first time, we expected it to be wobbly and unpredictable!

Change comes down to me and you. Until we change how we think, our towns won't change. I'm not suggesting people spend more money, but to just think about where they are spending it. And let's spend more time with people.

Would I do it again? Probably! We have to keep trying!

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Police alert over perils of sexting

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Officers are investigating 24 separate cases involving the sharing of explicit material on sites such as Instagram, involving children as young as 12.

Police are reminding people one click can have a massive impact and young people are being urged to think twice before sexting and to pause before they post something on social media

they may later regret.

Detective Inspector Richard Tompkins, who leads the force's RISE (Reducing Incidents of Sexual Exploitation) team, said: "It is really important people are aware of the dangers of sharing explicit material online.

"The dissemination of any material depicting nudity or sexual activity involving young people could constitute a criminal offence.

"It may seem like harmless fun at the time but it can have huge emotional consequences for those involved, leaving them vulnerable to blackmail, bullying and harm.

"It's really important to

remember that once an image is online all control of where it ends up is lost.

"There are specially trained officers in my team who deal sensitively with children suffering from the consequences of sexting. We work closely with children's services and organisations such as the NSPCC and I encourage anybody with any concerns to report them to Northamptonshire Police on 101.

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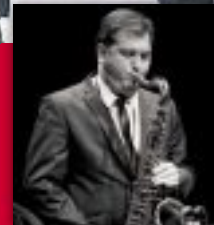
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HOLDING ON: Lewis Griffiths, Matt Corner, Sam Ferriday and Stephen Webb

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Jersey Boys opened in London in 2008 and has been seen by nearly 23 million people worldwide. Now celebrating its eighth year in London, it is firmly established as one of the West End's longest-running and most popular shows.

The musical is based on the remarkable, but true, story of

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and their rise to stardom from the wrong side of the tracks.

These four boys from New Jersey became one of the most successful bands in pop history, were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and sold 100 million records worldwide, all before they turned 30.

The show is packed with their hits, including Beggin', Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back

to You, Fallen Angel, Rag Doll and Who Loves You.

Winner of Broadway's Tony, London's Olivier and Australia's Helpmann Awards for Best New Musical, Jersey Boys has picked up 57 major awards worldwide. Productions on Broadway and in the West End are still packing them in, on top of tours in the UK and Ireland.

The smash hit musical takes to the Derngate stage from from 7.30pm in the evenings, with matinees at 2.30pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Tickets, from £16 to £47, can be booked by calling the box office on 01604 624811 or at www.royalandderngate.co.uk



County's arts cinema listings this week

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ The Lady In The Van
Thursday December 10, 6.15pm

■ Spectre

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind Spectre.

Thursday December 10, 8.45pm; Saturday, December 12, 2pm & 8.30pm, and Thursday, December 17 8.45pm

Thursday - Saturday, Monday and

Wednesday

■ Everest

Everest (Certificate 12A) On the morning of May 10, 1996, climbers (Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin) from two expeditions start their final ascent toward the summit of Mount Everest. Then the drama ensues.

Friday, December 11, 9pm 3D; Tuesday, December 15 6.15pm 2D and Wednesday, December 16 2.30pm 2D (Silver Screen)

To book tickets call the box office on 01604 624811.

Lings Forum

■ The Lady in the Van

Thursday

■ Steve Jobs

Friday - Wednesday

■ Pan (PG)

Sat 12 Dec at 10.30am & 2pm Sun Dec 13

To book tickets call the box office on 01604 837300.

WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Simon breathing new life into the jazz quartet

Music lovers are being invited to come along and enjoy an evening of jazz in the company of the Simon Spillet Quartet when they perform live at The Castle Wellingborough on Thursday, December 17 at 8pm.

The quartet features Simon Spillet, pictured, on tenor saxophone, John Chritchinson on piano, Alec Dankworth on bass, and Trevor Tomkins on drums.

Simon's playing has been inspired by John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Stan Getz and Tubby Hayes.

His 2013 album, *Square One*, was voted one of the best jazz albums of the year.

He can be a hard bopper, he can be inventive, he can also be mellow and breathy, and he is always melodic.

"It's not only his mastery of the tenor saxophone, phenomenal though that is, but the absolute conviction of his playing that is so



impressive," wrote Dave Gelly of *The Observer*.

Tickets for this evening of contemporary jazz are priced at £12.50 (£10.50).

They can be bought by calling the box office on 01933 270 007 or online at www.thecastle.org.uk



PANTO MAGIC: The cast of Cinderella is ready for festive fun

Cinderella will take you to the panto ball

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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It is panto season at the Royal & Derngate from Friday night, when Cinderella takes to the stage, all the way through to January 3.

Actor, dancer, singer and television presenter John Partridge is heading the cast and will be joined by Sid Sloane from CBeebies, impressionist Danny Posthill and vocalist Alison Jiear, both fresh from appearances on this year's Britain's Got Talent.

No stranger to the stage, John made his professional debut in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats*, play-

ing various roles on the UK tour, in the West End, in Germany and in the official film production of the show.

He subsequently appeared in *Taboo*, *Miss Saigon* and *Starlight Express*, and most recently played the lead role of Don in the critically-acclaimed musical *A Chorus Line* at the London Palladium.

John is best-known, however, for playing Christian Clarke in *EastEnders*.

The role won John legions of fans, as did his appearance on other television projects, such as his appearance as a judge on *Over the Rainbow* in the search for a leading lady for *The Wizard of Oz* in the West

End, and most recently *Tumble*, a gymnastics reality show on BBC One.

Packed with all of the traditional Northampton pantomime ingredients audiences have come to expect, *Cinderella* features stunning scenery, plenty of boos and hisses, incredible music and dancing, plus Pegasus the amazing flying horse – all of which will ensure that audiences will have a ball.

Tickets for *Cinderella* at the Royal & Derngate are priced from £11 to £29.50.

They can be booked by calling the box office 01604 624811 or by visiting www.royalandderngate.co.uk

Choir raises the rafters with carols

A festive performance takes over Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, tomorrow evening, December 11, at 7.30pm.

On the bill are the 70 strong voices of The Great Bowden Trust Adult Choir, plus a saxophone choir, who are presenting a spectacular of Christmaside music plus carols for the audience to sing along.

The choir, under the guidance of musical

director Tracy Holderness, is so busy it has taken the Holy Trinity two years to book them. In addition to their itinerary of local concerts, they are undertaking two concert tours next year to Holland and Italy.

Admission to the concert at the church is free of charge.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church and local charities.

THE WOOD GREEN CHRISTMAS FAIR

The festive season's in full flood especially at our Christmas Fair at Wood Green. Browse, sample and buy from a wonderful range of arts, crafts and gift stalls where you've a cracking chance to find whatever you're looking for including jewellery and other artisan accessories, handmade cards and decorations, handicrafts photography, aromatherapy products, candles, ceramics and pottery, wood turning designs and so much more ... real foods and drinks including wines, beers, cordials, meats, cheeses, pastries as well as chocolates and many other seasonal and Christmas confections to help complete your festive board.

THIS WEEKEND!

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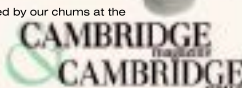
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Sweets & Puddings

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DON'T MISS THIS

FRIDAY

Northampton Town and County Art Society 102nd Annual Show

The Northampton Town and County Art Society presents its 102nd annual exhibition held at the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, Northampton.
Tuesday - Saturday, 10.00am-5.00pm. Sun-
days, 2.00pm-5.00pm. Entry is free.

Northamptonshire Guild of Designer Craftsmen's exhibition

Exhibition of work by 19 members of Northants Crafts guild showing at the Dolby Gallery, Oundle. Ceramics, textiles, jewellery, furniture, glass, wood, enamels, stained glass, basketry and musical instruments are among goods on display. Monday-Saturday, 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm. Closed Wednesdays. Closed December 4-8 and December 25 to January 4 2016 Free entry.

SATURDAY

A Christmas concert by The Heyford Singers

7.30pm at Nether Heyford Village hall on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12.

Rothwell Traditional Christmas Fair

11am - 4pm Entry: Adult - £4 Entry: OAPs - £2 Entry: Under 18s - FREE

SUNDAY

Canons Ashby - Nine Days of Christmas

Be inspired by five centuries of Christmas traditions throughout the house with natural Christmas crafts, and spirit-lifting treats in the tearoom. Take a tour around the house to see costumed characters and traditions from five different centuries in Canons Ashby's past. You may even meet Father Christmas. Runs until to December 13.



Elementary

Have you ever been given a Christmas or birthday present and your immediate thought was: 'Oh no this is going to be useless why, oh why, oh why me?'

This was my first reaction when I saw a trailer for Elementary. It appeared at around the same time Sherlock was on the BBC. I so enjoy Sherlock I thought Elementary was going to be a washout and pale by comparison.

I immediately put this equation together: American product + Sky Living + changing the format of Sherlock Holmes = recipe for disaster. I did stay away but then I decided to give it a go. I wanted to see if I was right and if it was as bad as I believed. I recorded one programme and watched it.

Lo and behold it was very good. It was well written, clever and inventive. I downloaded the seasons I had missed and have been a fan ever since.

Elementary stars Jonny Lee Miller as Sherlock Holmes and Lucy Liu as Dr. Joan Watson and is based in New York and the writers have kept up a very high standard with fast moving and interesting plots with plenty of twists. If you have not yet watched it I would urge you not to make my mistake as mine was elementary and wrong.

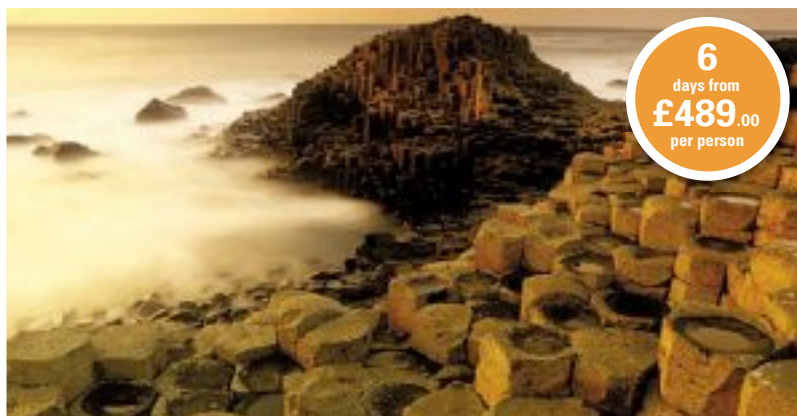
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female seeking

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SALLY, 39yrs seeks doesn't want to be lonely this xmas. Seeks gent any age/looks unimportant must have GSOH. **Box: 4186657. Text only.**

LUCY, 32, blonde, tall and slim, looking for a casual fling, nothing serious. Discretion needed and assured. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420237**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+. Must be discreet, married or single. **ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3000 Box 419673**

LINDA attractive fun loving pretty 43yr old, confident but not pushy, looking to enjoy good times with male 40plus. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420191**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters **ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

LOUISE 23, slim build, big blue eyes, brown hair, loves nights out, looking for nice guy to take me out and show me a good time. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419999**

MAUREEN, discreet sensual lady, 42yrs seeks daytime fun at her home. **ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3012 Box: 405297**

BEV, 41, very attractive sensual warm-hearted, looking for good times with confident loving male. Call to me find out more. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420069**

ABI 40yr old very happily divorced female looking for similar male 35-50yrs to enjoy nights in romancing, chatting and making each other smile again. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419847**

WHY do I feel like the only singleton? Emma 37, attractive, witty, sociable and single! Call me to find out more. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419999**

CHLOE, pretty brunette, 30yrs good job but lacking male with a naughty side, is that you, age unimportant. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4057558**

MELANIE, tanned, toned, young 41yrs divorcee with own flat, working, solvent, just missing a chap. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112160**

AMY single mum of one, 19yrs, attractive, slim and tall, seeks nice guy for cosy nights in together. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419835**

LIZ, very attractive brunette 37, with lovely smile and GSOH, so why am I single? WLTm fun loving male for good times in or out. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419817**

NICOLA, 30yr old petite blonde, blue eyes, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, looking for nice guy for fun times and more. Can accommodate. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419617**

JEAN blue eyed slim blonde, certainly not looking for time wasters, WLTm likeminded male to enjoy cuddles and all the simple things life has to offer. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420171**

JULIE attractive 35yr old female with a great body, looking for no strings attached evening meets. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 411779**

EMMA, 31yr old young looking petite Princess looking for her Prince Charming. Pretty, loving and affectionate, seeking similar. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419615**

RACHAEL 20s female seeking older gent to enjoy adult 1-2-1, leave me a message, you have everything to gain, lets have some fun! Boring need not apply! **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419575**

CARING, loving, good to be with female, enjoys swimming, walking my dog, having fun, good sense of humour seeks similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5063098**

SHELLEY, slim N/5 40s female who likes the simple things in life so no big gestures required, seeking loyal loving male for hopeful LTR. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419413**

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VIKKI 32yr old active female, confident, fit, loves nights out, looking for similar male for friendship/relationship. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419411**

TASHA 35yr attractive slim but curvy in the right areas black female, seeking white male for fun times in or out, 35-60yrs. No time wasters pls. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419349**

LUCY 37yrs 5ft 11ins brunette loves nightlife, socialising, having fun, looking for fun guy who can make me laugh and promises a good time. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419214**

LINDA, 48, attractive, warm hearted, honest, caring, easygoing female looking for male 35-55 for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419137**

BARBARA 36 slim blonde likes music, sport, the outdoors, quiet nights in etc. WLTm kind honest gent willing to expand and share interests and get to know me. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419069**

SHELLY, 23, honest genuine single mum WLTm similar genuine male/single dad for fun, friendship, dates and text chat. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419021**

TERRI attractive young looking 29yrs, long legged, sporty, seeking nice man to fall in love with, up to 45yrs. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 418911**

MEGAN, 37, new to the area seeks fun companion to show me around, take me out, enjoy good times, love and most importantly laughter, call me. Any age. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 418837**

DAVID, 39yrs, divorced with no ties, lovely flat in Spain, seeks travel companion, single mums welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112425**

PHILLIP, 29 years old, 5ft 11ins, stocky build, green eyes, friendly, GSOH, seeks genuine friendly n/s female for friendship, possible relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5335424**

VERY kind male, 50, n/s, enjoys cinema, eating out, walking, travelling, live concerts, looking to meet loving lady with similar interests, 35-53, for LTR. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420117**

ATTRACTIVE, fit, sporty, tactile, youthful black male seek relationship with lady. N/S. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4851641**

WIDOWER, quiet, easygoing, slim, 5ft 7 tall, smart, varied interests, seeks slimish lady, 50 to 65 yrs for caring relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4906469**

MALE 60s WLTm genuine fun lady, 50/60s nights in or out, likes swimming, walks, music, good food etc for friendship or more. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4852727**

HENRY, 53, likes good conversation, walking, cinema, holidays, animals, looking for a relationship with a Cambridgeshire or West Suffolk lady who has a sense of adventure. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419377**

PROFESSIONAL male, N/S, own home/business, solvent, smart, attractive, romantic, loving personality, GSOH, seeking LTR with genuine female. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 415353**

KATHY easy going curvy tanned nurse looking for relaxation and fun times with appreciative uncomplicated male, any age/looks unimportant. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 418933**

BARBARA, single mum looking for adult companionship, any age/looks or status. Interested? Come on over to my place. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 418573**

40+, 6'1" tall, black man, has a job, rents a nice house, looking for a decent curvy woman aged between 30 and 40. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4919402**

GENUINE caring male, seeks similar female for friendship or possibly more. Aged between 25-39. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4916049**

ANDY 53, widower, honest, genuine, caring, happy tactile, hoping to find love again with a decent loving lady. Kidderminster. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4911450**

HI my name is Ian, 64, semi-retired, separated with grown up children, I like football, going for walks, music and enjoy a glass of red wine at home, looking for a lady for company maybe more. If you would like to contact me that would be great! **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419051**

MALE 70 smart, fit, seeks female, 60-70 for days out, country, coast, nights in/out, fun, friendship and maybe more. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 416273**

RICHARD looking for a lady for daytime fun, 60 to 70 years old. **Text only to Mailbox no: 420027**

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MID 50's male, seeks attractive, black female, any age for relationship. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 384483**

SMART nice looking, professional male, OHAC/business, N/S, seeks female, 40-55 for love, romance and LTR. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 392827**

ATTRACTIVE male, own home/business, seeking LTR with lady wanting to be loved in a away she deserves. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 396257**

ROMANTIC fashionable, professional, attractive, solvent male, own business, reliable, tactile, loving, GSOH, lovely personality, seeks LTR with genuine female. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 408427**

LONELY widower, 72, seeks lady 40-60 for companionship, days out, the theatre and nights in. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419281**

ANDREW 53, widower, honest, genuine, caring, tactile, GSOH. Kidderminster based, hoping to love again with a decent loving lady. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4911450**

TALL, white male, 48, kind, caring, considerate, GSOH, likes eating out and the cinema/theatre, swimming, cycling, seeks black female 30-45 for LTR. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419249**

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male seeking

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NICE looking solvent male, OHAC/business, lovely personality, very honest, loving, tactile, seeks LTR with attractive female. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 404393**

MALE, 71 years old, Cambridge, West Suffolk area seeks similar female for days in and out, fun times, friendship and maybe more. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 418769**

PROFESSIONAL romantic, attractive male, fashionable, honest, loving, tactile, GSOH, seeking long term with genuine female. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 410239**

gay seeking

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BI male, single widower, 58, seeks gay male friends near Tamworth. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4355756**

BI male WLTm same for weekend fun, 60 to 70 years old. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4931168**

BI curious guy 36, looking for gay or bi male age 58 - 80 for adult fun. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4930039**

BI Male 30 slim seeks gay/bi male 40-75 for fun & friendship Leics, Coventry, Norths, Warks area. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4883341**

BI male looking for bi or gay for fun and more Coventry area. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4172160**

69YR old male C/D, very genuine, affectionate, and discreet, seeks mature male for meetings, Bham, Coventry, Warks. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4747481**

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SUE, 48, fair haired petite caring nurse likes nice holidays, romantic nights in/out, WLTm appreciative male to love and care for. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420203**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, **ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 3004 Box 418167**

KATHY, 45, curvy blonde seeking reliable honest man who can get me out of this rut I am stuck in, open to new ideas and looking for someone special? Give me a try. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 419019**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

CLARE bubbly blonde 33, N/S, loves nights in/out seeking genuine interesting man for possible relationship, dads welcome. looks unimportant. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420039**

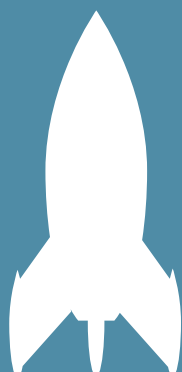
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Porsche puts pedal to the metal with ultimate 911

Scheduled to make their world debut at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, USA, in January 2016, the top models of the 911 model range – the 911 Turbo and 911 Turbo S – now boast 20 hp (15 kW) more power, sharper design and even broader everyday usability.

Available in both Coupe and Convertible versions, the twin-turbocharged, 3.8-litre flat-six engine in the 911 Turbo now has an output of 540 hp (397 kW). This power gain was achieved by modified inlet ports in the cylinder head, new injection nozzles and higher fuel pressure. The 911 Turbo S now develops 580 hp (427 kW) courtesy of new turbochargers with larger compressors.

Overall, the new high-performance sports cars attain breathtaking driving performance, while fuel consumption is reduced even further. The 911 Turbo S Coupé sprints to 62 mph in 2.9 seconds. Its top speed of 205 mph is eight mph higher than before. The 911 Turbo reaches the 62 mph mark in 3.0 seconds, and its top speed is 198



FAST LANE: The new Porsche 911 promises breathtaking performance

mph – three mph faster than the previous model.

Nevertheless, the coupes only consume 31 mpg (9.1 l/100 km), and the convertibles 30.4 mpg (9.3 l/100 km). This represents a gain of approximately two miles per gallon for all versions. This

has been delivered via further advances in electronic engine and transmission management with revised gear change mappings.

The chassis of the new 911 Turbo models with Porsche Active Suspension Management

(PASM) as standard offers an even greater spread between performance and comfort. In addition, the 911 Turbo S offers a full complement of equipment for dynamic driving: Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) roll compensation is standard as is the Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes (PCCB) system.

New options for all 911 Turbo models include the radar-based lane change assist and a lift system for the front axle that can be used to increase ground clearance by 40 mm at the front spoiler lip at low speeds.

The newly-developed infotainment system, Porsche Communication Management (PCM) incorporating online navigation, is a feature of the cockpits of the 911 Turbo models.

Moreover, mobile phones and smartphones can now be integrated more quickly than before via Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or cable.

The new Porsche 911 Turbo and Turbo S models are now on sale and first deliveries will arrive in the UK at the end of January 2016.

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BMW 3 Series

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The BMW 3 Series features a whole stack of changes under the bonnet, including a four-cylinder 330i and a three-cylinder entry-level 316i, as well as new diesel engines. From the outside, it looks much as before, with only a few very subtle styling tweaks. But it's still likely to represent the class benchmark.

If you're of a generation who remembers the badge on the back of a 3 Series denoting its engine size, you might be a bit confused by the latest line-up. The 330i, for example, no longer packs a six-cylinder lump, instead squeezing 252PS from its turbo four, replacing the old 328i in the process. If you do want a six-cylinder petrol engine, BMW will sell you the 340i, a new variant that wings in with 326PS (the same as the old 'E36' M3 Evo super-coupe) and will take a blink over five seconds to get to 62mph. At the other end of the petrol engine range is - and you might want to take a seat for this - a 136PS three-cylinder 1.5-litre engine that's been pinched from the MINI line.

One thing that hasn't changed all that much is BMW's low-key approach to mid-life styling

updates. Blink and you'll miss them. Stand looking at the car for fifteen minutes and you might still miss them. The key design theme seems to be to make the car look wider and lower than before, so BMW has revised the front and rear bumper assemblies with broader horizontal elements.

The headlights have also been tinkered with, LED indicators now acting as eyebrows across the top of the light units.

The cabins have had a similarly light touch applied to them, with a splash of chrome here and a high-gloss surface there. There's a respectable amount of rear legroom for what remains a manageably-sized car.

If BMW wanted to build a model that would convert those who didn't previously fancy a 3 Series, then this revised MK6 design isn't that car. Its appeal is largely the same.

If, on the other hand, you're crunching hard numbers, then it's hard to see this Munich maker's much improved compact executive model coming off second best to anything in its division. The class-leading rear-wheel drive driving dynamics are merely the icing on the cake.

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Volkswagen Scirocco Special Editions Add Style And Value

The 'kerb appeal' of Volkswagen's exhilarating Scirocco sports coupé has never been in doubt: the distinctive silhouette and wide, low stance of this third generation model – revealed just last year – continue to turn heads. Now Volkswagen is boosting the Scirocco's desirability yet further with the UK launch of two special edition versions – both available to order in dealers now. The debut of two new Scirocco Black Edition models: the Scirocco GT Black Edition and Scirocco R-Line Black Edition, sees the addition as



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Ford Kuga Sales Soar In 2015



Over 30,000 Ford Kugas have been snapped up by customers this year, pushing the medium SUV to a new sales record. UK sales of the Kuga have increased by 35 per cent versus the same period in 2014, with three times as many sold compared with five years ago. The news comes as Ford increases the breadth of the Kuga range, including a new colour, Green Instinct, a new 120PS derivative of the 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine and new Kuga Titanium Sport model offering 18 inch alloy wheels, full body styling kit, rear spoiler and Active Park Assist. The lead-in price for Kuga is now £19,995.

Vauxhall Corsa Connects Drivers



Vauxhall is introducing its IntelliLink and OnStar systems to the small car segment, providing drivers with outstanding connectivity and entertainment with state-of-the-art in-car infotainment technology. The Vauxhall Corsa is now available with the latest generation IntelliLink infotainment system as standard (excluding Sting and Sting R models), which only made its debut in the new Astra a few weeks ago. R4.0 IntelliLink easily integrates smartphone functions via Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and is compatible with devices from Android 5.0 Lollipop and Apple iOS 7.1 (from iPhone 5). Vauxhall OnStar, standard on SE, Limited, Black Edition, Red Edition and VXR Corsa models provides occupants with a stable and powerful internet connection.

Premium And Stylish All-New Kia Optima

Sleeker, plusher, loaded with class-leading technologies, more refined yet more engaging to drive and up to 25 per cent more fuel-efficient...the list of superlatives for the all-new Kia Optima is almost never-ending. The all-new Optima, Kia's contender in the all-important UK fleet and business saloon market, goes on sale today priced from £21,495. Four

versions are available, all powered by an upgraded EU6 version of Kia's efficient 1.7-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine, now paired with either a six-speed manual or a new seven-speed (7DCT) dual-clutch auto transmission. The all-new Optima is the first car in its class with a wireless charger for mobile devices, located in the base of the centre console.



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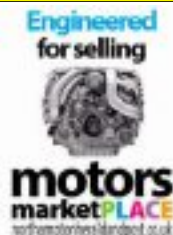
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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

IN BANKRUPTCY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURT

NO 70516 of 2009 RE: SIMON PAUL BAILEY

Who at the date of the bankruptcy order 3rd April 2009, resided at 4 Cooks Way, Long Buckby, Northamptonshire NN6 7GQ. D.O.B: 5 October 1957

NOTE: the above-named was discharged from the proceedings and may no longer have a connection with the address listed.

I intend to pay within four months from 11th January 2016 (being the last day for proving) the first and final dividend of 11.37 p.p.

Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must do so by 11th January 2016 otherwise they will be excluded from the dividend. The required proof of debt form is available on the Insolvency Service website (www.bis.gov.uk/insolvency), select "Forms" and then form 6.37). Alternatively, you can contact my office at Second Floor, 3 Piccadilly Place, London Road, Manchester M1 3BN or telephone 0161 234 8500 to supply a form.

Mr D Gibson, Official Receiver and trustee

Public Notices

PATRICIA FLORENCE SPRINGETT (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 112 Bickerstaffes Road Towcester Northamptonshire NN12 6EQ, who died on 10/09/2015, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 12/02/2016, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Local Authority Notices

Notice of Change of Name of Parish

Wootton Parish Council (formerly Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor Parish Council)

(1) On 17 June 2015, Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor Parish Council of the parish of Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor resolved to change the name of the parish from Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor to Wootton. Subsequently the Clerk on behalf of Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor Parish Council made the request to Northampton Borough Council pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the name of the parish.

(2) On 2 November 2015 Northampton Borough Council resolved to change the name of the parish to Wootton.

Northampton Borough Council GIVES NOTICE pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 that with effect from 2 November 2015 the name of the parish of Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor is changed to Wootton.

Francis Fernandes
Borough Secretary and Monitoring Officer
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Local Authority Notices

Northampton Borough Council Report of Local Government Ombudsman on complaint of injustice

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following her investigation of a complaint against Northampton Borough Council. The complaint was about the Council's handling of a planning application affecting the setting of a listed building. The Ombudsman found that injustice had been caused by maladministration on the part of the Council.

Copies of the report will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at the One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE between 16th December 2015 and 13th January 2016. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the report or extracts from it. Copies will be supplied at a reasonable charge.

Because injustice was found the Council must now consider the report and tell the Ombudsman within three months (or such longer period as she may agree) the action it has taken or proposes to take on it.

Legal Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH SB14 - PARISH OF TOWCESTER) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath SB14 in the Parish of Towcester as set out below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route to be closed begins at A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP6727 4699. The route travels generally south west for approximately 681 metres to point B at NGR SP6695 4640.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required due to the surfacing and construction works relating to a Solar Farm application.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 11th December 2015 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP6727 4699. It travels generally south east for approximately 143 metres to point C at NGR SP6723 4686. It then heads approximately 11 metres north east to point D at NGR SP6722 4687. The route then heads generally south west for approximately 544 metres to point B at NGR SP6695 4640.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - B.

Dated this 10th day of December 2015

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/ROW/234

If you require any further information please call Harry
Shepard-Cross on 07855 495430.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FIELDWAY, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Fieldway, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Fieldway, Northampton from Broadway East to Birchfield Road East.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st December 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 22nd December 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Broadway East, Lindsay Avenue and Birchfield Road East.

Dated this 10th day of December 2015

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T15/378

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp
on 01604-883400.

Legal Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, HARLESTONE, CHURCH BRAMPTON, CHAPEL BRAMPTON & PITSFORD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along those lengths of the various roads in Harlestone, Church Brampton, Chapel Brampton and Pitsford as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, surface dressing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th January 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to five days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Pitsford Road - use A508, Brampton Lane and A5199. Harlestone Road & Brampton Road - from A5199, A508, Mill Lane and A428.

Dated this 10th day of December 2015

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T15/395

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp
on 01604-883400.

SCHEDULE

Brampton Road, Harlestone; Harlestone Road, Church Brampton and Chapel Brampton; Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton and Pitsford. Pitsford Road - from A508 to A5199.
Harlestone Road and Brampton Road - from A428 to A5199.

Legal Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OLD ROAD, LAMPOROT & LODDINGTON ROAD, OLD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Old Road, Lamporot and Loddington Road, Old as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Old Road, Lamporot and Loddington Road, Old from Harrington Road to Mawsley 40 mph speed restriction signs.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, surface dressing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th January 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to five days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Harrington Road, Rothwell Road, Old Road, Lamporot Road, Scaldwell Road and Harrington Road.

Dated this 10th day of December 2015

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T15/396

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp
on 01604-883400.

Planning Notices



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

N/2015/1217

The Melbourne Arms, Melbourne Lane.
Erection of timber covered structure over existing cellar drop and timber bar structure to rear courtyard. Retrospective application. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2015/1218

The Melbourne Arms, Melbourne Lane.
Listed building application for the erection of timber covered structure over existing cellar drop and timber bar structure to rear courtyard. Retrospective application. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2015/1249

Ecton Brook Playing Fields, Great Billing Way.
Erection of 66no dwellings comprising 1-bed flats, 2-bed and 3-bed houses and associated access roads. Application does not accord with the provisions of the development plan. Major Application

N/2015/1258

B and Q Store, Towcester Road.
Erection of 2no external canopies, external alterations and car park alterations. Major Application

N/2015/1266

Sazerac, Charmark House, 20 Castilian Street.
Extension over existing garage to form an enlarged dance floor and smoking area and change of use of offices into 2no flats. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2015/1270

18 Billing Road.
Single storey rear extension and erection of garage at rear of property. Within a Conservation Area

N/2015/0333

Former Northampton Chronicle and Echo site, Upper Mounts.
Hybrid planning application comprising: (a) Full Planning Application for the erection of a 1810m2 new retail food store with associated access from Earl Street, landscaping and car parking; and (b) Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except access (from Great Russell Street) of up to 19 residential dwellings. Application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan. Affecting the setting of a Conservation Area. Major Application

N/2015/1303

Delapre Park, London Road
External repairs of the Lodge including roof, doors and windows, stone repair and clearance of external vegetation. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2015/1317

4 Oakley Street
Conversion of dwelling to 3 flats. Within a Conservation Area

Members of the public may inspect copies of any application, plans and any other documentation submitted by visiting the Council Offices, One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively the plans can be viewed via the Council's website (www.northampton.gov.uk) using the Search for Planning Applications page. This will also tell you the current status of the application together with other useful information. Anyone who wishes to make representations about any applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 07 January 2016
S P Boyes, Director - Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning
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IN PARLIAMENT
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HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL
ADDITIONAL PROVISION 5 (DECEMBER 2015)
AND NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTARY ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering this Bill should consider certain amendments to the Bill for the following amongst other purposes:-

1. Amendments to authorise revised proposals for the construction of works and acquisition of lands:

London Borough of Hillingdon,

An access road (Work No. 1/68A)

- Land required for diversion or installation of, or works to, utilities apparatus
- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

County of Buckinghamshire, District of Aylesbury Vale, Parish of Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell,

- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

Parish of Grendon Underwood,

- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

Parish of Hogshaw,

- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

County of Warwickshire, District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Middleton and County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Drayton Bassett,

- A gas main diversion (Work No. 3/53)

County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Weeford,

- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

Parish of Hints with Canwell,

- An access road (Work No. 3/73)

Parish of Longdon,

- Land required for diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Parish of Bickenhill,

- Additional land for a people mover (Work No. 3/20).

2. Amendment of clause 63 of the Bill to refer to the additional Environmental Information published in connection with the Bill in September 2014, July 2015, September 2015, October 2015 and to the additional Environmental Information referred to in this notice below.

3. In connection with the construction of the works specified in 1 above, provision for the stopping up or diversion of the public footpaths and bridleways specified in Schedule 1 to this notice.

Plans and Sections, with a Book of Reference to those Plans, relating to the proposed Amendments will be available for public inspection at the offices and libraries referred to in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to this Notice.

An Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments (ES) and Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) together with a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will also be available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to this notice and for inspection at the following offices: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2 and Eversheds LLP, 3-5 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE.

Copies of the proposed Amendments together with copies of the Bill will be available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to this notice and for inspection at the following office: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.

Copies of the ES, SES and NTS and copies of the proposed Amendments together with copies of the Bill will also be available for sale from High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.

The proposed Amendments and the Bill are available on the UK Parliament’s website at www.parliament.uk. The Plans and Sections, ES, SES and NTS are available on the Department for Transport’s website at www.gov.uk/transport and via HS2 Ltd’s website at www.gov.uk/hs2.

Any person who wishes to make comments on the ES and SES should send them either by post to: FREEPOST HS2 AP5 CONSULTATION, or by email to: HS2PhaseOneAPDecember2015@dialoguebydesign.co.uk on or before 22 January 2016.

Please note: if you wish to send your response by recorded delivery or special delivery, please telephone the HS2 Ltd Community Relations Helpdesk on 0207 944 4908 to arrange this.

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The Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons as a public Bill. In the House of Commons, by the terms of the Order made by that House, objection to the proposed Amendments may be made by depositing a Petition against them in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments is published. Any such Petition must therefore be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than 2pm on Friday 8 January 2016.

In the House of Lords, objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the latest date for depositing such a petition against the Bill may be subject to an Order made by that House or, if no Order is made, will be the tenth day after that on which the Bill receives its First reading in that House. In the latter case, if this date is a Sunday, Christmas Day or Bank Holiday, or a day on which the House does not sit, the final date for depositing may be postponed.

Information about the deposit of such Petitions may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office, House of Commons or the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

DATED 10 December 2015

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

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<i>District of South Bucks, Parish of Denham</i>	Footpath U35	Temporary
<i>County of Northamptonshire</i>		
<i>District of South Northamptonshire, Parish of Greatworth</i>	Bridleway DEN/3/1 Ricks 002	Permanent with substitution
<i>County of Warwickshire</i>		
<i>District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Middleton</i>	Footpath AN13	Permanent with substitution
<i>Metropolitan Borough of Solihull</i>		
<i>Parish of Bickenhill</i>	Footpath M104	Temporary
<i>County of Staffordshire</i>		
<i>District of Lichfield, Parish of Weeford</i>	Bridleway Weeford 0.479	Temporary
<i>Parish of Hints with Canwell</i>	Bridleway Hints 4 Footpath Hints 19	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

Officers with whom the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments, Supplementary Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for inspection.

In Greater London –

- Principal Policy Officer - Transport, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, London, SE1 2AA
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Actor Brookes set for tough audition

SAINTS

BY MATT WRIGHT
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The Northampton Saints are performing their own version of the nativity play at Franklin's Gardens next Wednesday, but for prop Kieran Brookes this isn't close to being his first acting experience.

It turns out the 25-year-old England international is a man full of surprises with the revelation that he appeared on television in a couple of hugely successful programmes during his teenage years.

When he was 17, Brookes had a cameo in long-running soap Coronation Street – and he even did his own stunts.

He said: "Basically, my role was David Platt had just got out of prison and I was stood outside his house – there was a house party –

eating a burger and the alcoholic woman from next door comes marching around.

"She shouts at me and calls me 'ten bellies' and pushes me over the wall. One of my mate's dads, at school, was part of an agency called Scream in Blackpool and they emailed him saying 'does your son have any larger friends.'

"He didn't even ask me, he just sent them a picture of me and they thought 'he's perfect.' They sent a taxi, came and picked me up from my house and drove me to Manchester."

One year later, Brookes was on the small screen again in Shameless, but anyone of a squeamish disposition should consider themselves warned before reading the next bit.

On his role in the Channel 4 drama, Brookes said: "I had to flirt with a 40-year-old woman, who was quite large, and eat a Dorito out of her mouth."

"She was teasing me with Doritos, then put one in her mouth and I had to lean in."

In the last few weeks, Brookes has been better known for demolishing opposing props in the scrum and is arguably the in-form tighthead in the country right now.

Coming up on Saturday is Saints' biggest test yet as they travel to Paris to face Racing 92 in the Champions Cup, with their hosts boasting a pack that is full of internationals.

Brookes, who will be going head-to-head with France loosehead Eddy Ben Arous, said: "It's going to be a tough challenge."

"They've got pretty much a full international team, with a huge pack, and they've got pace out wide, so it's going to be a massive test for us. But we've been working hard all week and hopefully we can take some of our set-piece form into the weekend."



HIDDEN TALENTS: Saints prop Kieran Brookes twice appeared on the small screen in his teenage years, first on Coronation Street, then on Shameless

Hanrahan holds his nerve to kick Saints to vital victory at The Rec

JJ Hanrahan's late penalty gave Northampton Saints a crucial 13-11 win at Bath as they kept up their terrific record against them in what was a smash and grab raid.

This was their fourth victory in a row in all competitions – it still may not be pretty, but at least the results are now starting to come, which is

crucial with two matches against Racing 92 in the Champions Cup up next.

Northampton took whatever limited chances came about during the afternoon and struck what proved to be the decisive score just when Bath were seemingly on top in the contest.

The only points of a turgid first half came after 24 minutes when Hanrahan kicked a penalty after Bath's Nick Auterac was penalised for not driving straight in the scrum.

Thankfully, the game picked up after the break with Ford levelling the game before the England fly-

half gifted Northampton the opening try when his loose pass was easily picked off by Luther Burrell.

It was possibly the easiest try he'll ever score, although George Ford was to kick Bath back into the contest with his second penalty.

The hosts were building the pressure and it paid off as Watson

attacked dangerously down the right before passing to Semesa Rokoduguni, who went over in the corner.

But with seven minutes left, the Saints' dominant scrum was able to present a chance to Hanrahan just over 40 metres out, which the Irishman banged over superbly.



Test Event glory for Olympics hope Chantelle

BOXING

Last weekend was a sensational one for Far Cotton ABC's Chantelle Cameron, as she came away from the Olympic Test Event in Rio de Janeiro with a gold medal.

Cameron, who trains twice a week at the club, did her Olympic selection in the -60kg category no harm at all as she defeated

France's Estelle Mosley in Sunday's final.

The 24-year-old from Northampton rounded off a successful year in which she became national champion, and 2016 could see her follow in the footsteps of Nicola Adams, who was the first-ever female boxing gold medalist in the 2012 Olympics.

Ben Fail, another of Far Cotton's promising fighters, fell agonisingly short in the final of the

NABC Championships as he lost on a split decision to London's Lewis Richardson last Thursday.

After defeating Barnsley's Red Johnson in the semi-finals, 18-year-old Fail felt he had done enough in the fight, which was held in Croydon, especially after a dominant first round.

Showing some great combinations, he looked to be ahead before Richardson, who repre-

sents Centurions ABC, edged his way back into the 69kg contest in the third and final round.

Much to Fail's surprise, the majority of the judges awarded the fight to Richardson.

His coach, John Daly, said: "I honestly thought Ben's hand would be raised, he and I were astonished the decision didn't go his way. I felt sick and Ben was gutted, but that's the way amateur boxing goes."



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The most thrilling Town side in years

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

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Super Cobblers stretched their winning streak to six games in a row by beating Northwich Victoria in a thrilling FA Cup tie on Saturday.

Northampton currently sit joint top of the League and face MK Dons in the third round of the FA Cup, carrying a real chance of further progression.

The last team that brought such excitement was Stuart Gray's class of 2008, which included Adebayo Akinfenwa, Mark Bunn and Gabor Geyse, yet there's a feeling that Wilder has assembled a side that could rival its flair and attacking verve.

Not that step eight Northwich were pushovers in Saturday's clash at Sixfields. Far from it, as the Vics snatched defeat from the jaws of victory after a last gasp Cobblers fightback.

Yet, skilful Northampton's ability to go rope-a-dope in a contest that swirled as much as the fire in the pub behind and still land a decisive blow speaks volumes of a side confident in their all-round technique.

Those leaving Sixfields early would have missed one of the greatest comebacks in Cobblers history as Sam Hoskins, Jason Taylor and, finally, Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored a trio of goals to take the tie and leave Northwich on their knees.

Town have gone from a club days from oblivion to one that could gain promotion this season with the nucleus of a side that might even do well in League One.

Of course, Chris Wilder's squad will need strengthening in January with a permanent centre-forward signing potentially showing Chairman Kelvin Thomas' intent to leave League Two behind.

■ Read the full column online.

Wilder wants cup hero to stay a little bit longer

FOOTBALL

BY MATT WRIGHT
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Northampton Town manager Chris Wilder wants to extend the loan of last Saturday's FA Cup hero Dominic Calvert-Lewin until the end of the season.

The 18-year-old striker, who joined on loan from Sheffield United during the summer, is due to return to his parent club in the New Year, and has played an important role in the Cobblers' season so far.

His 87th-minute goal against Northwich Victoria completed a remarkable comeback in which Northampton came back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 in the closing stages against the non-leaguers.

It was Calvert-Lewin's eighth strike of the campaign and demonstrated again his happy knack of popping up in the right place at the right time.

Wilder said: "We have spoken to Sheffield United about it (extending the loan), so they know what our feelings are and we'd love to keep Dom."

"I've spoken to Dom and he'd love to stay, so obviously the three things have got to happen – us and him are positive and we're just hopeful that his parent club will say yes and there's no reason why they shouldn't."

"They're proper football people up there and they know the importance of developing in senior football when there's three points on it. He's done well here and I'd like that to continue."

Calvert-Lewin's winner sent Town into the third round of the FA Cup for the first time in a decade, although their 'reward' wasn't quite what their fans had in mind when the draw was made.

While the Sixfields faithful were hoping to be paired with a Premier League giant, Championship side MK Dons came out of the bowl on Monday night after the Cobblers had been drawn at home.

The lack of excitement wasn't helped by the fact that the two sides have been regular opponents in cup



GOAL POACHER: Dominic Calvert-Lewin's habit of popping up in the right place at the right time in front of goal saw him grab Northampton Town's late winner in their thrilling FA Cup tie against Northwich Victoria last Saturday

competitions in recent years, but it does at least look like a winnable tie.

Wilder said: "Everybody wants the ultimate glamour tie of Manchester United away, but it wasn't to be. But we've got a good, exciting tie coming up and we won't be overawed by the challenge."

"It's one where we're at home and obviously Milton Keynes had a fantastic season last year and deservedly went up into the Championship."

"It's a local derby and it's a cup tie and we'll give it a go. It's an opportunity for us to progress – they'll think they will be able to turn us over, but

we fancy our chances."

"We'll deal with that on the night because we've got a massive period coming up now with some big, big games that we're really excited about."

Meanwhile, Northampton have confirmed that young duo Sam Warburton and Danny Clifton will leave the club when their contracts expire on December 31.

The first year professionals are currently on loan with Rugby Town and will remain so until their deals run out.

"We thought it was fair to make this

decision early so they can have a head start for the January transfer window," said Wilder.

"I cannot speak highly enough of the attitude of both players. They have been good to work with and I wish both every success in their future careers."

■ For the second month in a row, Wilder has been nominated for the League Two Manager of the Month award.

The Cobblers won all four of their league games in November, which lifted them to within goal difference of the top of the table.

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"If winning isn't everything,
why do they keep score?"
– Vince Lombardi

Matfield hunkers down with Saints' solid pack

RUGBY UNION

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Victor Matfield has played in some powerful South African forward packs in his time, but the Northampton Saints lock insists that it has been a while since he was part of one this dominant.

The Saints' forwards have been marching their opponents back in the set piece for several weeks now and this, as much as anything, has allowed them to recover from their slow start to the season.

Matfield can count fellow legends such as Os du Randt, Bakkies Botha and Schalk Burger as former teammates in the scrum and he is impressed with what he has seen since coming to Franklin's Gardens.

He said: "I haven't played in a scrum as impactful as this for a long time. It's been good, getting on the park and going forward like that and just destroying other teams."

"It's an amazing feeling and it's nice playing in a pack like that."

"They're playing fantastically well as a unit. If you look at the scrums in the last few weeks, that's pretty much won all of the games."

Even at the age of 38 and with seemingly all the experience in the world, Matfield admits he has had to do some adapting since joining the first English side of his epic career.

He was given an abrupt awakening to what conditions can be like in the Premiership when he made his Northampton debut in the driving

OLD WARRIOR: Victor Matfield has been learning new tricks since joining up with the Saints



rain against Gloucester two weeks ago.

Matfield said: "I'm still finding my feet and (finding out) exactly how they think about the game, how they go about the game and I'm learning from that."

"It's a bit of a different game over here. If you just take kick-offs, it's very hard to really kick the ball high and get the guys underneath it in the air."

"You also don't want to play 15 phases in your own half before you kick – you really want to get out of there – conditions are really difficult in general, so it's all about pressure and

dominating the set-piece well."

"It's all about that advantage line. If you lose that then you're going to lose the game, so it's a little different to what we're used to in Super Rugby."

Matfield, who won 127 caps for South Africa, is now confronted with a match where the intensity is the first step down from Test Match rugby, when the Saints face Racing 92 in Paris in the Champions Cup on Saturday.

It also brings him against a familiar foe in the great New Zealand fly-half Dan Carter, the man who helped the All Blacks to end Matfield's dream of

winning a second World Cup with the Springboks back in October.

On his old adversary, who is expected to make his Racing debut, Matfield said: "We had many games against each other between the Bulls and the Crusaders and the All Blacks as well, coming up against each other all the time."

"He's a fantastic player and a great guy as well, so it will be interesting to see because he's so used to running the show the way he's used to."

"He's now having to fit into another set-up and to almost adapt to what they want him to do."

Town look to sparkle again at Hatters

FOOTBALL

Ahead of their trip to Luton, Northampton Town winger Nicky Adams is confident that any of the Cobblers' players can come up with a moment of quality that would keep their winning run going.

Town have now won their last six matches in all competitions – a streak that has propelled them towards the top of League Two and sent them into the third round of the FA Cup.

The mood around Sixfields couldn't be any more positive at the moment, which is more than can be said for Luton, who are currently languishing at 14th in the table, having been expected to challenge for promotion.

Adams hopes Northampton can prey on the Hatters' fragile psyche, saying: "We're all very confident. Even on Saturday (against Northwich), the game wasn't great – it was difficult at times."

"But we're all that confident at the moment that, at any given time, someone can do something and spark us off."

"You've seen over the last couple of months we're playing really well, some really good stuff, and we're dangerous all the time and I just think that we're going to get better and better."

Despite signing some big names last summer, Luton have struggled for any consistency this season.

When asked if their league position was a surprise, Adams said: "You look at them and they're a big club – I think it's going to be more or less a sell-out on Saturday."

"Obviously, they've not been doing too well of late, but they might be able to turn that around, although hopefully not against us."

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